

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 8, 2012 were presented. Kevin Spilman noted that County Attorney Leigh Morning was absent from the August meeting. Norman Winkler made the motion to approve the August minutes as corrected. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET

Each Office Holder and Department Head appeared before the council to present and discuss with the council his/her 2013 prepared budget(s).

RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Carole Yeend Solid Waste Director presented the Rush County Solid Waste District budget for 2013.

NON-BINDING REVIEWS

- Rushville Township – Britt Buhler, Rushville Twp. Trustee was present to answer any questions. Warren Norris made the motion to make no recommendations on their budget. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Anderson Township – Kevin Spilman made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Center Township – Jerry Kent made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Jackson Township – Kevin Spilman made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Noble Township – Jerry Kent made the motion to make no recommendation on the budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Orange Township – Kevin Spilman made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Posey Township – Jerry Kent made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Richland Township – Warren Norris made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ripley Township – Jerry Kent made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Carthage Town – Jerry Kent made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Rushville City – Kevin Spilman made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Union Township – Bruce Levi made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Glenwood Town – Bruce Levi made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Walker Township – Bruce Levi made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Washington Township – Warren Norris made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Carthage Library – Jerry Kent made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Rushville City Library – Janet Kile made the motion to make no recommendations on the budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President Gerald Mohr read a letter from Rush County Schools Superintendent Dr. John Williams. The letter had attached a copy of the proposed budgets, levies and rates for each of the funds for the Rush County Schools for review by the County Council

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood received approval of a transfer of \$4,400 from Medical/Hospital (1-14-3-12) into Medical/Dental (1-14-2-3) on a motion from Warren Norris. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve a \$55,000.00 additional appropriation in Health Insurance (1-19-3-34). Janet Kile seconded the motion. Those voting Aye were: Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi. Those voting Nay were: Jerry Kent and Kevin Spilman. Motion Passed.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker proposed full time for the 2013 budget. Kemker who averages 26 to 36 hours weekly, stated that this has been approved by the advisory council and one half of his salary is reimbursed by the state.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Commissioner Tom Barnes informed the council that the commissioners are in favor of a one (1) year ambulance contract with Rush Memorial. The commissioners addressed this during their meeting on September 10, 2012.

After a lengthy conversation Jerry Kent made the motion to table signing the contract for thirty (30) days allowing the groups to meet. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Councilmen

voting AYE: Warren Norris, Kevin Spilman, and Jerry Kent. Councilmen voting NAY: Bruce Levi, Janet Kile and Norman Winkler. Council President Gerald Mohr broke the tie with a AYE vote.

CAGIT

Discussion was held to budget a portion (\$796,000.00) of the commissioner health insurance out of the CAGIT #228 County Certified Shares Budget. The remaining \$304,000.00 balance will remain within the commissioner budget of the General Fund.

HEALTH

Dr. Dorothy Boersma informed the council that future grant funds will be bases upon accreditation.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton provided a five (5) year bridge plan. Sitton informed the council that by the year 2017 the county will be short \$2.1 million in bridge funding and the 20' span bridges will need to be closed. Sitton reported that bridges under 20' are taken care of through the Road and Street budget.

Discussion was held regarding the Cum Bridge Rate. County Attorney Leigh Morning will do research and report back to the council and to Sitton.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The County Council convened the budget review process at 10:00 am in the council room.

CUM BRIDGE

Leigh Morning updated the council regarding Cum Bridge rate changes.

CUM CAP DEV.

Leigh Morning informed the council that yes, computer hardware could be purchased from the Cum. Cap Development fund.

RALEIGH FIRE DEPT.

Adams Schwering Officer of the Raleigh Fire Department provided the council with a copy of the departments Profit and Loss statement. Schwering asked for the councils consideration to reinstate the funding back to \$48,000.00

Steve Ward of Jackson Twp Fire Department was present to answer questions and concerns.

After further discussion. Jerry Kent went on record to state "The council placed it in last year and the commissioners cut it. I consider that a slap at the council."

AUDITOR

Mary Ann Beard questioned Deborah Adams why she removed the \$650.00 cell phone appropriation from the 2013 budget. Adams reminded Beard of the difficult time Beard gave her when Adams did not have a personal cell phone and yet she had received approval from the commissioners and council to acquire one for work. Adams noted that she pushed to also implement a employee taxable fringe benefit for county cell phones and qualified county vehicles which is required.

Jerry Kent stated that he had no problem with Deborah getting the cell phone when she asked the council and he has no problem with Mary Ann getting the cell phone. Jerry Kent made the motion for the \$650.00 cell phone appropriation is to be added back into the auditor budget. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Councilmen voting AYE was: Warren Norris, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, and Jerry Kent. Councilmen voting NAY was: Norman Winkler.

EMA

Bruce Levi shared his thoughts that he wants the EMA Director position to be a full time position for one (1) year. Bruce shared that the position will be reimbursed at one-half of the pay from the state. Further discussion was held.

SALARIES

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve a 2% salary increase for all full time employees. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Kent made the motion for the part-time hourly rate to remain at \$10.50. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Jerry Kent made the motion to provide the Fire Departments what they did request:

Milroy \$33,600.00

Raleigh \$48,000.00

Carthage \$35,000.00

Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I-T

I-T Technician Randy Herbert provided a plan to the council members for replacement of the courthouse computers and printers.

FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Further discussion was again held on the EMA position. It was decided to look at possibly making the position full-time at year end once we see the cash balance.

The council will also look at the sheriff car \$20,000.00 deducted and the Sheriff Pension \$10,000.00 deducted.

County Elected Officials Training Fund #222 - \$250.00 will need to be advertised as an additional appropriation for the January 2013 approval. The Surveyor Marvin Rees is eligible to participate in this training fund.

Circuit Court - Chief Probation Officer Mark Fields appropriation \$10,017 remains in Circuit Court. \$50,000.00 will go to Adult Probation User #027 for the remaining of his salary. The fringe benefits will need to be advertised as an additional appropriation from the #027 in December to approve in January 2013.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. Warren Norris seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>
Gerald Mohr, Chairman	Warren Norris	Norman Winkler

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

/s/Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor